

REMARKS

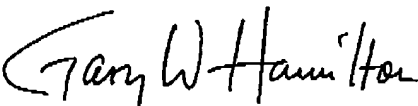
Claims 1-30 are pending. Claims 4-10, 14-20, and 24-30 are allowed.

Claims 4, 14 and 24 have been amended to correct minor typographical informalities.

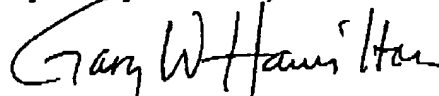
Claims 1-3, 11-13, and 21-23 are rejected and have been canceled without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at 512-338-9100.

<p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted via facsimile to the USPTO on February 28, 2006.</p> <p></p> <p>Attorney for Applicant(s)</p>

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